

OHR BiH Media Round-up, 15/7/2005

Latest radio news broadcast at 12.00 on 15 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (12,00hrs)	BH Radio 1(12,00 hrs)	RTRS (12,00 hrs)
BiH Presidency in session	Belgrade trial for war crime in BiH	MacKenzie on Srebrenica
Jovic visits Zloseto today	Israel air strikes in Gaza	Verdicts for crimes
Tadic called on Mladic to surrender	Death toll in London raises to 54	Seselj case

TV news broadcast on 14 July

RADIO HERCEG-BOSNA (18,00 hrs)	TV PINK (18,00 hrs)	BHT 1 (19,00 hrs)
Council of Ministers crisis	Conference on Srebrenica ends	Croatia – customs on meat
FBiH Government session in Mostar	Holland MoFA meets SiCG MoFA	FBiH Trade Chamber on VAT
Lasic on VAT implementation	Spiric on defence and police reforms	SCG on BiH lawsuit
Germany approves 14 mil.€ for BiH	BiH CoM in session	Karadzic&Mladic indict. 10 years ago

NTV Hayat (19,00 hrs)	FTV (19,30 hrs)	RTRS (19,30 hrs)
Conference on Srebrenica ends	BiH Court 's intern. judge corrupted?	CoM Crisis: meeting postponed
Donations for Srebrenica families	Conference on Srebrenica ends	Def. reform agreement on Monday?
Kandic as honorary Sarajevo citizen	ICTY: Herceg-Bosna case trial in Dec	Cavic on SAA
B 92 emits funerals in Srebrenica	Regional news	RS Government session

Oslobodjenje	An international UN commission should say the truth about Srebrenica
Dnevni Avaz	Deep division inside the FBiH Government
Dnevni List	RS Army is being abolished
Vecernji List	Al-Hijari had police assistance
Slobodna Dalmacija	Fuel, cigarettes and alcohol to be cheaper
Glas Srpske	The victory of war lies?
Nezavisne Novine	Sarajevo inhabitants fighting over onion and milk products (farmers' protests)
Blic	There was no genocide in Srebrenica
Vecernje Novosti	Features Serbia related headlines
Srpski Nacional	Features Serbia related headlines

LATEST NEWS OF TODAY	
RS Defence Minister Stankovic briefed RS Government on defence reform	SRNA – RS Defence Minister, Milovan Stankovic , has briefed the RS Government about ongoing activities of the Defence Reform Commission. <i>"The Government will take a stance after it officially receives the complete report by Co-Chairs of DRC,"</i> stated RS Government press office.
Belgrade court sentences four persons for war crimes against Bosniaks	BH Radio 1 Slavisa Nunic , RS Radio – Four members of the Serbian paramilitary unit 'Avengers' were convicted by the court in Belgrade to total of 75 years of imprisonment for war crimes committed against Bosniaks. The court found that Milan Lukic and Oliver Osmanovic , both still at large, Dragutin Dragicevic and Djordje Sevic were guilty of murdering 16 Bosniaks from the village of Sjeverin in the Bosnian town of Visegrad in October in 1992. First three were sentenced to 20 years, and Sevic to 15 years in prison.

Political Developments/Reforms

<p>DA: Future Army without entities MoDs, armies, conscription and reserve troops</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Was DRC report accepted?' by <u>S.N.</u> – The political leaders of BiH have been offered the set of defence related reforms on Thursday, and according to DA they have a deadline to respond in 'take it or leave it' manner. DA learned that Serbs and Bosniak political representatives have signed the report of the Defence Reform Commission, accepting major compromises while the stance of Croat representatives is still unclear. The reforms include abolishment of entities' Defence Ministries, entities Armies, conscription and reserve troops. Inset "Without 'Lijepa nasa' and 'Boze pravde'" carries that armed forces of BiH in a future will not play 'Lijepa nasa' and 'Boze pravde' [Croatian and SCG hymns], that brigades and command chains are of multiethnic composition, while regiments [as a novelty in the BiH armed forces] will follow the tradition of units they are comprised of. Entire army should consist of not more than 10.000 troops. Author notes it is still unclear how would law treat former BiH Army, HVO and RS Army.</p> <p>Glas Srpske pg 5 'Sign and then read' by <u>M.Dz.</u> also covered the issue.</p>
<p>Ivo Miro Jovic optimistic about proposal of defence reform solutions</p>	<p>Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Was DRC report accepted?', inset 'Jovic: Some changes we did not discuss appeared' by <u>S.N.</u> – The BiH Presidency Chairman, Ivo Miro Jovic, reveals that his colleagues have submitted the respond to the proposed set of defence reforms, adding he is very optimistic about the eventual result of the reforms. He notes that the proposal of reformatory solutions included some suggestions that were not discuss in the meeting held on Wednesday evening. "Some changes appeared and I don't know why," said Jovic adding this was corrected.</p>
<p>HDZ's Covic: Entity MoD to be abolished by end of year</p>	<p>Dnevni List pg 2 'Covic: Entity Defence Ministries are being abolished' <u>not signed</u> – In an interview given to Radio Livno HDZ President Dragan Covic stated that within the defence reform entity Defence Ministries and military service would be abolished by the end of this year and BiH would have a professional Army with 10 000 professional soldiers and about 5000 reservists.</p>
<p>SNSD's Spiric: Leaders of SA, SDS and HDZ agreed on defense reform</p>	<p>RHB, Pink, BHT, Hayat, RTRS, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Cavic will sign abolishment of RS Army', Dnevni List cover pg splash 'RS Army is being abolished' and pg 2 'Abolishment of RS Army agreed upon' by <u>A. Beus</u>, Vecernji List pg 2 'Cavic agreed that RS MoD and RS Army be abolished' by <u>bs</u>, Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'Cavic accepted abolishment of RS Ministries of Defence and Police' by <u>V.Popovic</u>, Glas Srpske pg 5 'Army goes too' by <u>D.T.</u>, EuroBlic RSpG 3 'Signature to abolish VRS' by <u>SRNA</u>, SRNA – The member of the Executive and Main Board of the Alliance of Independent Social Democrats (SNSD) and the deputy chairman of the House of Representatives of Parliamentary Assembly of BiH Nikola Spiric said on Thursday that leaders of SDA, SDS and HDZ will on Monday sign the agreement on the reform of defense foreseeing the abolishment of entity ministries of defense. Spiric said at the press conference in Banjaluka that, in accordance with the information he possesses, it is expected that these three parties on Monday sign the final agreement on the reform of defense, which also foresees that the BiH Defense Law article saying that BiH armed forces are composed of Army of RS and two components of FBiH Army will be deleted. The public must know did international community have brought SDS and Cavic in the situation to sign the disappearance of Army of RS and repealing the Ministry of Defense, said Spiric. He stressed that SNSD condemns the negotiations about the reform of defense without the participation of opposition parties, which are ready to give their contribution. Spiric added that SNSD seeks that the process of the reform be public and that citizens know what leaders of political parties are signing and what it will mean for the future of the country. Speaking about the reform of the police, Spiric said that an agreement was made with the president of RS Dragan Cavic on accepting three European principles, and that maps of the regional division of police on several places are crossing the entity demarcation line.</p>

SDS denies Spiric's claims	BHT, Dnevni Avaz pg 2 'Typical example of Spiric's deceiving the public', Nezavisne Novine pg 4 'SDS rejects Spiric's claims', Glas Srpske pg 5 'Spiric is a comedian' by <u>Z.Ma.</u> , SRNA - The Serb Democratic Party (SDS) has denied the allegations of Nikola Spiric that the leaders of SDS, SDA and HDZ on Monday will sign the agreement on the reform of defense, by which the entity ministries of defense will be abolished. SDS says that this was a typical example of Spiric's daily policy, irresponsible commenting and deceiving the public. SDS also says that the issues of the reform of police will come to the agenda of the National Assembly, which only has the mandate and the capacity, in accordance with laws and Constitution, to pass decisions about the major political issues.
VL source: DRC to pass solutions on defence reform	Vecernji List pg 7 'Commission to pass solution on Monday' by <u>E</u> - A source involved in the defence reform talks stated that the Defence Reform Commission (DRC) would publish in Sarajevo on Monday solutions for the defence reform. The source also rejected Nikola Spiric's claims that this is about signing the agreement among 3 ruling parties and the source stressed that this is about the solutions passed by the DRC.
Political leaders' meeting on crisis in CoM postponed	RHB, Hayat, RTRS, Oslobođenje pg 8 'Meeting to be held in two or three days?', Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Talks on escape from authority crisis not held' by <u>M.C.</u> - The leaders of five political parties and BiH Presidency members Thursday failed to hold the announced meeting regarding escape from authority crisis. No official provided explanation for this, but Barisa Colak , who said: "I think we should hold this meeting in the next two or three days."
Colak on appointment of SIPA Director	Nezavisne Novine pg 2 'Appointment at SIPA waiting for political agreement' by <u>M.C.</u> - Barisa Colak , BiH Security Minister, stated regarding the appointment of SIPA Director that: "It is known that HR to BiH appointed Director of this Agency. After that, there were no initiatives regarding the appointment of other agency's officials. The next day or two should see resumption of talks between political officials, which should also discuss this issue." Dnevni Avaz pg 9 also carried the statement.
Danas on S. Novic's role in former Yugoslav Secret Service	Danas cover pg splash 'UDBA in power in BiH' and pgs 28 - 31 'Sređoje Novic might know about murder' by <u>Z. Jurilić</u> - Danas says that the German police has arrested recently murderer of Croatian dissident Stejan Djurekovic (he was killed in 1983). The murderer is former member of ex Yugoslavian Secret Service (UDBA) Krunoslav Prates . Danas says that, perhaps, recently appointed SIPA Director Sređoje Novic might answer the question who were Prates' associates in organizing the Djurekovic's murder since Novic used to be for some time an under secretary of the former Yugoslav Security Service, whose task was issuing the orders for liquidation of politically unsuitable members of the Croatian immigration all over the world. Danas also says that President of HSP Croatia Anto Djapic learnt from a book on UDBA (in which this case was also mentioned) that the person who was in charge of following and collecting information about his uncle, who was also killed by UDBA, is current Director of the SIPA branch office in Mostar Andjelko Hrgic .
DA int with HR Ashdown: Once SAA negotiations started, mandate of HR to be changed	Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'I felt like I buried a child in Srebrenica', mentioned on cover 'We are still not on a road to reconciliation', by <u>Sead Numanovic</u> - In an interview to DA, the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown , announces his address before the BiH Parliament on Tuesday when he will present his priorities for next six months, among other things. "I want to talk about changes in the mandate of the High Representative and my efforts for this to happen as soon as possible, but also about the priorities in the next period... Crucial time is before us. The most important thing is to get a green light to start with the negotiations on Stabilization and Association Agreement. If we succeed in that, then we are in position when the Bonn powers must be changed. In that case I want to start with a long process of transferring the Bonn powers to the domestic institutions. I also hope we will succeed in getting closer to the Partnership for Peace," says Ashdown. Urging the renewed discussion on police reform as soon as possible, Ashdown also notes expectation for defence reform to produce positive results. Finally, asked about Srebrenica Commission, HR noted that the ICTY is very satisfied with its work especially in a number of evidences it submitted to the Prosecutors Office. "I expect that we will have great successes by the end of September and disclose all that was going on there," concludes Ashdown.

Cavic: Negotiations on SAA could start until the end of this year	RTRS – The RS president Dragan Cavic believes that BiH has a big chance to start the negotiations on Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) in 2005, and that this opportunity must not be missed. The end of October, or the beginning of November – that is the realistic time when the negotiation process could begin, stated Cavic.
SB: Italy to take over both leading military and political international positions in BiH?	Slobodna Bosna pgs 26-27 ‘Berlusconi will replace Ashdown with an experienced Italian diplomat!’ by <u>Edin Avdic from Rome</u> – SB article speculates on the new High Representative in BiH, stating that this will most probably be Italian. SB argues that both France and Italy have been very eager to take over, however France has been losing ‘battle’ as US Administration strongly resists to this. In addition, SB notes that after prominent Italian politicians, Francesca Olivier and Emma Bonino , were not appointed, despite expectations, to the high ranking UN positions, “international diplomatic core” reconsiders offering Italians with the HR position. SB source claims that next HR will not be politician, but “technician”: <i>“It is of outmost need to appoint experienced diplomat whose priority will be cooperation with the ICTY, decisive reforms of police, military and judiciary,...eventual BiH’s integration into EU, as well as the fight against international crime and terrorism.”</i> Author claims that Italy enjoys US and European support to also take over the control over international military presence in BiH, meaning that in case Rome appoints HR political and military function would be unified. Article reminds of the recent statement by Gianfranco Fini , Italian Foreign Minister, in which he emphasized Italy is very much interested to take over leading political role in BiH. It concludes that appointment of new Italian Ambassador to BiH, Alessandro Fallavollite , only proves this, as Ambassador is known in Europe as one of the top Italian diplomats.
International community sent letter to all education ministers expressing concern about delay in education reform	FTV, Dnevni Avaz pg 11 – OHR, OSCE, European Commission and other relevant international organisations in BiH sent joint letter to all education ministers expressing a serious concern in relation to implementation of the laws and fulfilment of accepted obligations in the sector of education reform. Two years after law on primary and high school education was adopted and almost two years since BiH entered into Bologna process, there can’t be any more delays in adoption of permanent solutions, it is said in this letter. Meeting of all education ministers is also suggested before beginning of new school year, in order to present reports on progress that have been made.
Ivo Miro Jovic on Lovrinovic’s removal	Slobodna Dalmacija pg 17 ‘Ashdown is abolishing our European standards’ by <u>B. Magas</u> – Commenting on the removal of CBC Education Minister Nikola Lovrinovic Croat member of the BiH Presidency Ivo Miro Jovic stated: <i>‘The High Representative passed the law on education in that Canton. The HR and not the Cantonal Education Minister is responsible for implementation of that law.’</i> Jovic also denied media speculations that someone from the HDZ top helped the Lovrinovic’s removal.
T. Bavrka acting CBC Education Minister	Dnevni List pg 6 ‘Bavrka Acting Education Minister’ not signed – Central Bosnia Canton Prime Minister Salko Selman passed the decision according to which Tonco Bavrka would be an Acting Education Minister in the Central Bosnia Canton. Bavrka is currently the Central Bosnia Canton Minister of Urban Planning.
BiH Bishops’ Conference on constitutional changes	BHT, RTRS, Sarajevo dailies, Dnevni List pg 6 ‘Bishops warned of bestowing invalid sacraments’ by <u>KTA</u> , Slobodna Dalmacija pg 18 ‘They harshly ‘condemn’ crime, but they accept consequences’ by <u>A. Macanovic</u> – The BiH Bishops’ Conference finished in Banja Luka on Thursday. Among the other things, the Bishops called on responsible and well-intentioned people, who take part in an attempt to find a better social and political organization of BiH through drafting a new BiH Constitution, to respect human and civic rights and freedoms and equality of all peoples. Vecernji List pg 4 ‘Bishops warned on position of BiH Catholics which is getting harder’ by <u>I. Barbaric</u> – Commenting on the alleged OHR’s stand that the OHR would initiate inter-religious council in Banja Luka, Cardinal Vinko Puljic stressed that it is ridiculous that the International Community announces that it encourages something like that although it was not officially announced anywhere and he added that representatives of religious communities in BiH had more talks than international political representatives.

DL: H. Silajdzic to run for BiH Presidency member next year	Dnevni List pg 9 'Haris Silajdzic new member of BiH Presidency' by <u>N. Bise</u> – Sources from the SDA top confirmed the information that founder of Party for BiH Haris Silajdzic will put forward his candidacy for the position of the Bosniak member of the BiH Presidency at the general elections next year. Also, close Silajdzic's associates believe that this candidacy is quite certain. According to the DL information, Silajdzic would have direct support of SDA Vice President Bakir Izetbegovic and other SDA officials close to Izetbegovic.
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Economic/Social Issues

FBiH Govt fails to reach any agreement on Energopetrol privatization	Dnevni Avaz cover splash 'Deep division inside the FBiH Government', pg 4 'Energopetrol divided the Government' by <u>M. Kukan</u> – FBiH Prime Minister, Ahmet Hadzipasic , told DA that the process of additional privatization of 'Energopetrol' company has split the FBiH Government at the session held on Thursday behind the closed doors in Mostar. He added that FBiH Industry Minister, Izet Zigic , has resigned to the post of coordinator of this process after the Government has rejected his proposal to annul tender for this oil company. He will be replaced by the Director of FBiH Privatization Agency, Resad Zutic . <i>"The Government has not [either] endorsed the proposal to declare Hungarian-Croatian Consortium 'MOL-INA' an exclusive bidder for Energopetrol and to continue with negotiations with those companies,"</i> says Hadzipasic. Oslobodjenje mentioned on cover, pg 8 'Agreement on Energopetrol postponed' – Daily adds that in addition to Zutic, FBiH Finance Minister, Dragan Vrankic will assist in this process of offering the solution for current problem which appeared after INA-MOL has rejected to pay for additional 20 million KM of Energopetrol's debts. Oslobodjenje learns that at the session in Mostar the heated discussion was lead between HDZ ministers on one side [supporting Consortium] and SBiH and SDA on the other [advocating annulling tender.] BHT, FTV also covered the issue.
FBiH Government adopts Budget rebalance	RHB, Pink, Dnevni Avaz pg 4 'Eight million KM for civil victims', Oslobodjenje pg 8, Dnevni List pg 4 'Government helps Aluminij's business operations' by <u>N. Bise</u> , Vecernji List pg 4 '8 millions KM for invalids' by <u>dja</u> – FBiH Government held session on Thursday in Mostar, at which it confirmed proposal on amendments to/rebalance of FBiH budget for 2005 and sent it to Parliament for adoption. FBiH Government has also brought a decision on allocation of means to FBiH Ministry for Veterans and Disabled Persons.
FBiH Government supports Aluminij's electrolyses project	RHB, Dnevni List pg 4, mentioned on cover 'Government helps Aluminij's business operations' by <u>N. Bise</u> , Slobodna Dalmacija last pg 'Support to project of new electrolyse in Aluminij' by <u>Z. Zekic</u> – At its session held on Thursday the Federation of BiH Government gave consent to the letter of support for realization of the electrolyses project in Mostar company 'Aluminij'. The FBiH Government obliged itself that it would treat this project in a way that the FBiH Government would create conditions for as favourable as possible business operations of Aluminij. DL says that this is about the project worth 25 millions Euros.
BiH Farmers still in protest	Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 7, mentioned on cover 'We do not have right to give up on protests', Dnevni List pg 5 'First victim of protest in front of state Government' by <u>M. Zorlak</u> – BiH farmers are on strike for 20 days now. Still, no BiH officials have addressed them. <i>"No official came to address farmers, who are fighting for their rights in a peaceful and dignified way",</i> said the Chair of the BiH Farmers Association Ranko Bakic . Farmers point out that protests they have organized are peaceful, legal and democratic, and that they are not going to stop them until their requests do not be met. They are asking for Law on agriculture to be adopted and BiH Ministry of Agriculture to be established.
Campaign to attract foreign tourists launched	Pink, Hayat, FTV, Oslobodjenje pg 6 'BiH authorities decide to improve tourist image of the country' – Pilot campaign entitled "Welcome to BiH" has started in BiH. The aim of the campaign is to increase number of tourists who come to BiH. Foreigners are to be given promotional packets at three BiH border crossings, namely Gradiska, Bosanski Brod and Izacic. USAID supports the campaign.

Mostar put on UNESCO's list of world heritage	RHB, Oslobodjenje pgs 4 and 5 'Mostar part of UNESCO's world heritage', mentioned on cover by <u>R.I.</u> - Mostar Mayor Ljubo Beslic informed from Durban that Mostar was put on the UNESCO's list of the world heritage and he thanked all those who participated in this project. Beslic also stressed that obligations, which have to be met, are ahead of Mostar.
FBiH Chamber of Commerce's Lasic comments on VAT introduction	Slobodna Dalmacija cover pg splash and pg 12 'Fuel, cigarettes and alcohol to be cheaper' by <u>Z. Zekic</u> , Vecernji List pg 8 'With VAT next year it would be more expensive for BiH citizens even to die!' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> - President of the Federation of BiH Economic Chamber Jago Lasic stated that introduction of a value added tax next year would be a new strike on socially endangered part of BiH population and it would speed up the breakdown of some industrial branches. Sarajevo dailies, RHB, BHT also covered the issue.

War Crimes	
International conference on Srebrenica genocide ends in Sarajevo	Pink, BHT, Hayat, FTV, Oslobodjenje cover page, pgs 4-5 'An international UN commission should say the truth about Srebrenica', Dnevni Avaz pg 12 'Srebrenica might face permanent consequences of genocide' - Three-day long international conference "Genocide against Bosniaks in UN protected zone Srebrenica in July 1995 - messages to next generations" ended on Thursday in Sarajevo. Participants have agreed that genocide was committed in BiH, and that Serbia-Montenegro, supported by certain International Community circles, had great part in it. Participants said that due to the fact that the whole issue was to be investigated in details, they were going to ask for access to international documentation, namely UN's documentation.
Serbian President Tadic calls on Mladic to surrender	Dnevni Avaz pg 5 'Tadic called on criminal Mladic to surrender', SRNA - The president of Serbia Boris Tadic has stated that the Hague indictee Ratko Mladic has become the crucial issue for Serbia, because from all international declarations and documents make it clear that without solving that case Serbia cannot go forward. <i>"By extradition of Mladic to the Hague Tribunal for Serbia will open many economic doors and political potentials, and citizens will obtain a chance for better life,"</i> said Tadic at the session of the Main Board of the Serbian Democratic Party. He called on Mladic to surrender, and institutions of Serbia to conclude that job in accordance with the law.
Mtg. of SCG's Draskovic and Dutch Bott: Extradition of Mladic discussed	RTRS, Nezavisne Novine pg 3 'Extradition of Ratko Mladic is pre-requisite for integration' by <u>BETA</u> -The Foreign Ministers of SiCG and Holland respectively, Vuk Draskovic and Bernard Bott . Concluded at Thursday's meeting in Belgrade that extradition of Ratko Mladic represents a pre-requisite for EuroAtlantic integration of SiCG.
General McKenzie: There was no genocide in Srebrenica	EuroBlic cover pg splash, pg 6 'There was no genocide in Srebrenica' by <u>Milorad Ivanovic</u> - In a statement to daily, Canadian General Luis McKenzie comments on Srebrenica saying: <i>"I was there, I know what happened and I wanted to show...situation is much more complex than it seems."</i> He notes that not even close to 8 thousand of Muslims was murdered in Srebrenica, adding that the troops of Naser Oric murdered several thousand Serb civilians. He adds: <i>"I am aware that I might be accused of taking the Serb side by making this statement, but people must acknowledge the truth is not simple...I have no problem with accusing Mladic of crimes, but I also request that those who murdered Serbs are punished."</i> In a statement to Canadian paper "Globe and Mail" reminds of events from March 1993 and events following it through years of 1994 and 1995. He stresses: <i>"The Muslim men and elderly boys were separated, while the old men, women and children were transported to Tuzla to safe location. It is horrifying, but it should also be said that if somebody wants to commit a genocide, he would not allow women leave, because they are crucial for maintenance of a group that you are trying to eliminate. Many men and boys were buried at mass graves."</i>

GS/British "Morning Star": The victory of war lies?	Glas Srpske cover pg splash 'The victory of war lies?' Part 1 – Daily reports that the British daily "Morning Star" has released Report of a group of researchers led by Edward Hermann on Srebrenica, which concluded that massacre in Srebrenica represents the biggest victory of propaganda in the Balkans symbolizing the Serb evil, suffering of Muslims and justification of the western involvement in internal affairs of former Yugoslavia. The text entitled "Genocide or propaganda" signed by Christopher James . It also carries quotes of Philippe Corvine , former UN employee, and Francis Brinkman regarding the tactics of Muslims and their attacks against Serb villages from the "demilitarized zone".
Update to BiH lawsuit against SiCG: Stojanovic proposes diplomatic settlement of issue	EuroBlic pg 2 'Serbia wants agreement, Bosnia wants trial' by <u>I.Cvetkovic</u> – SiCG should address an official request to BiH to resolve the BiH lawsuit against SiCG for genocide in a diplomatic manner, stated Radoslav Stojanovic , SiCG representative in BiH lawsuit against SiCG, in a statement to daily. Stojanovic expressed expectation that proposal is accepted, otherwise the verdict, regardless of its outcome, might strengthen extreme forces on any side. Sakib Softic , legal representative of BiH in suit, says that he has never received from Belgrade an official offer for out-of-court settlement, adding: <i>"The fact is that a genocide and aggression were committed against BiH citizens by SiCG, in which SiCG was accomplice, unless it was a direct executor."</i> He admits BiH has some financial problems regarding financing of suit. Oslobodjenje pg 2, BHT, RTRS also carried Stojanovic' s statement.
Vecernje Novosti int. with Stojanovic	Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'Dayton is Versaille' by <u>Dijana Dimitrovska</u> – In an interview to daily, Radoslav Stojanovic , SiCG representative in BiH lawsuit against SiCG, reiterates demand for diplomatic settlement of BiH suit against SiCG, speaking also about relations between SiCG and Croatia. He notes trial with BiH is scheduled to start on 27 February 2006. On Francis Boyle , he expresses surprise that a professor of international law speaks about abolishment of RS, adding: <i>"In order to abolish RS, the entire procedure of abolishment of Dayton Agreement should be launched. All three parties should agree."</i>
VN on financial problems of BiH suit against SiCG	Vecernje Novosti pg 2 'They lack EURO three million' by <u>D.Stojakovic</u> – Daily notes that a meeting was held in Sarajevo between agents of BiH in suit against SiCG, which concluded that "the main problem" for further process is lack of money. Daily notes that the large percentage of resources is provided through SDA Foundation "Justice for BiH" (which has so far raised several million of KM's at donors' dinners). Daily also stresses that the presence of the newly-elected BiH Ambassador to USA at this meeting confirms her main diplomatic task would be to convince Bosniak Diaspora to give donations.

Legal Affairs/Security

Allegations on BiH Court judge Gerald Gahima involvement in corruption in Rwanda to be investigated	FTV <u>Zeljko Tica</u> – Discipline Prosecutor will run investigation on allegations on abuse of authority made by international judge within Court of BiH, Gerald Gahima, reports FTV. The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, appointed Gahima to the Court of BiH at the beginning of June. Allegations on his involvement in corruption come from Rwanda. It stands in US State Department report from February that Gahima filed resignation for his position of Deputy President of the Supreme Court in Rwanda after allegations on corruption. President of the Court of BiH, Meddzida Kreso, says that she requested investigation on these allegations from the Discipline Prosecutor, after she held meeting with judge Gahima. She also said for FTV that media reports cannot be a base for opening of investigation, but that judge Gahima requested investigation to be conducted. She believes that there is something else behind the story on corrupted judge. <i>"This is done by those whose interest is not functioning of the court at the State level,"</i> she said.
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VL: Al-Hijari received BiH identity card before BiH passport	<p>Vecernji List cover pg splash 'Al-Hijari had police assistance' and pg 3 'Hijari received identity card before citizenship!' by <u>D. Jazvic</u> - With regard to the case of killed Moroccan terrorist Junis Muhamed Ibrahim Al-Hijari, who had a BiH citizenship, VL carries that Al-Hijari had received a BiH identity card before he received the BiH citizen. According to VL, this was a part of the well-devised plan of mujaheddins' naturalization, according to which mujaheddins would fictitiously report their place of residence, then they would receive the IDs and finally they would receive BiH passports. According to unofficial information, most of these disputable identity cards were issued in the Sarajevo Municipality Centar. VL also says that it is interesting that current Assistant to the BiH Ministry of Security and state coordinator for the struggle against human trafficking, Samir Rizvo, was a Head of the police station Centar at that time.</p>
VL on Lijanovici case: 'Prosecutors Ratel is looking for 'blackmailed' witnesses now'	<p>Vecernji List pg 4 'Prosecutors Ratel is looking for 'blackmailed' witnesses now' by <u>Z. Kresic</u> - Prosecutor Jonothan Ratel made possible an insight in the documentation, which was collected during the police action in company 'Lijanovici' on June 27 in Siroki Brijeg, as well as, in the testimonies of new witnesses. VL says that it is interesting that Ratel is now looking for chief witnesses among the persons who have been subjects to the criminal proceedings at lower instances and the persons who might be prosecuted in the Lijanovici case.</p>
Charges brought against Tihic's advisor Mehmed Zilic for illegal allocation of apartments	<p>Nezavisne Novine pg 3, announced on cover 'Charges against Mehmed Zilic brought' by <u>A. Sisic</u> - Daily learns at Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecutor's Office that this PO has pressed charges on 12 July against Mehmed Zilic, internal policy advisor to Sulejman Tihic, for office and authority abuse at the time he was F BiH Police Minister.</p>
Al Qaida plans to strike Europe in its most vulnerable site: BiH and Kosovo	<p>Srpski Nacional pgs 10-11 'Bosna and Kosovo blazing?' - Daily re-reports claims of the German daily (claiming over 400 terrorists of al Qaida are in BiH), further saying that the international community fears from escalation of violence in Balkans, owing to which reason agents of many foreign intelligence agencies are in Belgrade and Kosovo, who are in search after the origin of the explosive used for London attacks. Daily notes that Al Qaida network aims at destabilising the Balkans area, knowing IC finds it to be sensitive area. Daily also raises the question why it was allowed that Bosnia becomes the biggest base of al Qaida, noting that Paddy Ashdown is one of those who should face responsibility for this.</p>